

## Fwd: Homeless encampment at sr2 terminus Glendale Blvd

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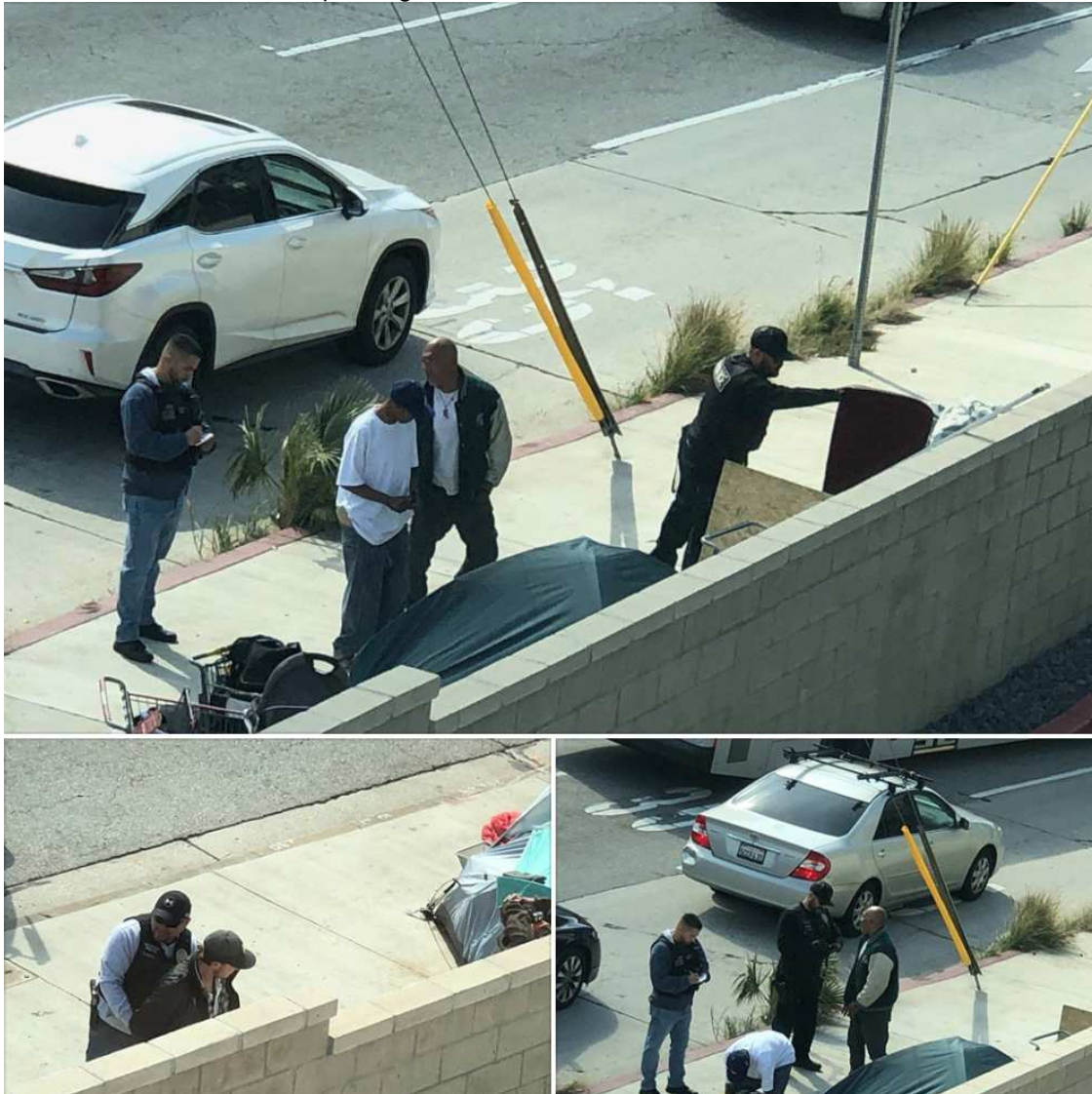
Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 1:31 PM

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From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Date: Mon, Mar 25, 2019 at 5:07 PM  
Subject: Re: Homeless encampment at sr2 terminus Glendale Blvd  
To: <councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org>

A quick update on this since I haven't received any correspondence on this reported community health hazard. A very big kudos if your office was instrumental in getting resources dispatched to address the issue. We noticed there was a bust a few days ago which thinned out the encampment and made the sidewalk a little more safe so pedestrians don't have to walk within feet of vehicles speeding down Glendale BLVD off SR-2:



This isn't surprising because we find needles all over the place. The community has been making reports for many months and it's frustrating to receive no action to address such a glaring hazard.

If your office was not involved here I hope it will be more going forward.

On a related note, I'm very eager to hear about plans to address the traffic safety issues on Glendale Blvd. There are more homes and businesses landing on this stretch and something needs to be done to protect pedestrians. I plan to post videos showing how dangerous this stretch of sidewalk is for pedestrians given the poor road design that encourages drivers to needlessly speed down 6 lanes of Glendale Blvd.

The SR 2 terminus flyramp needs to be addressed with either a complete shutdown metered by a stop light, or at the very least cut down the flyramp lanes from 2 to 1. If you've ever driven this it would be painfully clear that the merging should take place at the top of the flyramp, not at the bottom where there is a second merge onto Glendale BLVD. This is why there are so many accidents where the 2 terminates onto Glendale Blvd.

And perhaps most important, I'm interested in hearing about plans to reduce lanes on Glendale BLVD too. It's clear that expanded sidewalks and protected bike lanes are needed on this road. This roadway is a ghost town unless it's rush hour. There is no other way to make this walkway safe for pedestrians and bikers so I look forward to hearing plans lane reductions where there are needlessly 3 lanes each direction.

Thanks,

On Sat, Mar 16, 2019 at 10:08 AM [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com> wrote:

As I'm sure you are well aware of the growing encampment at the sr2 terminus because I know many of the 70 SL 70 community households have been reporting this for months with no resolution. I'm sad to say this encampment has grown and is endangering the community by pushing pedestrians only a foot or two away from speeding traffic. This office's inaction to assist these homeless people and allowing their encampment to endanger my community has honestly left me with no hope of council member o'farrell's fitness for his office. I'd love to be surprised to see for once he can actually take into account the well-being of these homeless people and the surrounding community and ensure they are in a safer place for everyone, instead of posting photos of some trash cleanup projects that were not endangering people's lives. [https://twitter.com/\[REDACTED\]/status/1106962598556123136?s=19](https://twitter.com/[REDACTED]/status/1106962598556123136?s=19)



With kind regards,



**Mitch O'Farrell**

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To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Fri, Mar 29, 2019 at 4:50 PM

Hi [REDACTED],

The Councilmember asked that I follow up with you on your last email. We have been working with LAPD regarding the encampments in the area. We are also in the process of scheduling another full service day here.

This is an ongoing process, but it helps to get additional resources by reporting through 311.

I will continue to work with SLO Davis now that he will be back from special assignment.

Let me know if you want to schedule a call to further discuss.

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Mon, Apr 1, 2019 at 2:22 PM

To: Juan Fregoso <[juan.fregoso@lacity.org](mailto:juan.fregoso@lacity.org)>

Thanks for the update Juan. While this encampment is a bit smaller now, the tents are still forcing pedestrians right against the street and speeding traffic by leaving only a couple feet of passable sidewalk.

I don't understand how the city can allow anyone to occupy such a dangerous location. Here is a road sign only a block South that was apparently sheared off from a car striking it. <https://photos.app.goo.gl/KGsEtfBW3fHcrbD56>  
If this were to happen a block north it's likely to result in a death of a pedestrian or encampment resident.

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**Juan Fregoso** <[juan.fregoso@lacity.org](mailto:juan.fregoso@lacity.org)>

Thu, Apr 4, 2019 at 11:39 AM

To:  <@gmail.com>

Hi .

This location is on the schedule for service next week. Since this is a sidewalk, there is nothing that the City can enforce to deem it unsafe. Ill talk to LAPD and the Service Providers about letting the people that are there that this is not the best location for them to be, but it will be that individuals decision to stay or go.

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 <@gmail.com>

Thu, Apr 4, 2019 at 12:56 PM

To: Juan Fregoso <[juan.fregoso@lacity.org](mailto:juan.fregoso@lacity.org)>

Thanks for your communication on this Juan. But I think I and many other residents are confused why nothing can be done given this encampment's clear violations of Section 56.11 permitting immediate removal of certain items.

With the service coming next week I assume that will address the fact that the encampment has far exceeded the 60gal container excess personal property limit:

(b) No Person shall Store any Attended Excess Personal Property in a Public Area. With pre-removal notice as specified in Subsection 4(a), the City may impound any Attended Excess Personal Property Stored in a Public Area. Post-removal notice shall be provided as set forth in Subsection 4(b), below.

Am I correct to assume that?

What our group of residents are especially confused and concerned about are the multiple, clear violations of **LA MC Section 56.11 (3)** that permit **immediate removal** of which the city is apparently ignoring. Here is a list of the sections in the code that this encampment is in violation of and allow for immediate removal of items which would make this area safer for pedestrians:

**This encampment has blocked all but a couple feet of sidewalk impeding city operations (Video and photos:** /status/1106962598556123136">https://twitter.com//status/1106962598556123136):

(c) No Person shall Store any Personal Property in a Public Area in such a manner as to obstruct City operations, including a Street or Sidewalk maintenance or cleaning. Without prior notice, the City may temporarily move Personal Property, whether Attended or Unattended, which is obstructing City operations in a Public Area, including a Street or Sidewalk maintenance or cleaning, during the time necessary to conduct the City operations. The City also may impound Personal Property that is obstructing City operations in a Public Area, pursuant to Subsection 3(a) or 3(b).

**This encampment blocks the sidewalk impeding passage of those with disabilities:**

(d) No Person shall Store any Personal Property in a Public Area in such a manner that it does not allow for passage as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. L. No. 101-336, 104 Stat. 328 (1990), as amended from time to time (ADA). Without prior notice, the City may move and may immediately impound any Personal Property,

whether Attended or Unattended, Stored in a Public Area in such a manner that it does not allow for passage as required by the ADA. Post-removal notice shall be provided as set forth in Subsection 4(b), below.

**This encampment forces pedestrians to walk mere feet away from vehicle's speeding off the 2, an area with a high rate of traffic accidents. This is a threat to public safety and health:**

(g) No Person shall Store any Personal Property in a Public Area if the Personal Property, whether Attended or Unattended, constitutes an immediate threat to the health or safety of the public. Without prior notice, the City may remove and may discard any Personal Property Stored in a Public Area if the Personal Property poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of the public.

**My neighbors have sent ample evidence to your office and the police of needles and other contraband emanating from this encampment permitting immediate removal**

Please be cautious walking through our community sidewalks and streets. Lately I've seen several hypodermic needles and orange caps from those needles on the sidewalk and in planters.



(h) No Person shall Store any Personal Property in a Public Area if the Personal Property, whether Attended or Unattended, constitutes an evidence of a crime or contraband. Without prior notice, the City may remove and may discard any Personal Property that constitutes evidence of a crime or contraband, as permissible by law.

**And finally and most damning, the city is allowing the storage of bulky items on this sidewalk further creating a health and safety issue, ignoring the code permitting removal of said bulky items:**

(i) No Person shall Store any Bulky Item in a Public Area. Without prior notice, the City may remove and may discard any Bulky Item, whether Attended or Unattended, Stored in a Public Area unless the Bulky Item is designed to be used as a shelter. For any Bulky Item that is designed to be used as a shelter but does not constitute a Tent as defined in Subsection 2(q), with pre-removal notice as specified in Subsection 4(a), the City may remove and discard the Bulky Item, whether Attended or Unattended. If the Bulky Item violates Subsection 3(d)-(h) herein, even if it is designed to be used as a shelter, without prior notice, the City may remove and discard the Bulky Item, whether Attended or Unattended.

When the police made arrests last week some of the bulky items went away, but there are still many bulky items putting this encampment in direct violation of the code permitting the city to remove item.

Here's a clear look at the bulk items clearly in violation:





Why is the city not acting immediately on these clear violations that are causing a serious public safety and health issue?

I look forward to hearing back, thanks,

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**Juan Fregoso** <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Tue, Apr 9, 2019 at 5:36 PM

To: ■■■■ <■■■■@gmail.com>

Hi ■■■■,

These are violations/citations that LAPD does cite for, but it is not that simple and it does not prevent/deter anyone from coming back onto public property. If you want to schedule a call and further discuss recent injunctions and lawsuits the City has settled in regards to how it addresses Homelessness, then please let me know what works for your schedule so we can generally discuss.

I can be fairly flexible, but let me know what works best for your schedule.

Talk to you soon.

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Tue, Apr 9, 2019 at 6:32 PM

To: Juan Fregoso <juan.fregoso@lacity.org>

Hi Juan. I would like to better understand what's currently happening and why proper enforcement per LAMC 56.11 isn't happening in areas not affected by the injunction. I'm very disappointed to hear the council member voted to approve the settlement as it reportedly seems like it will open grounds for new litigation hampering the city's ability to protect the public's right to safe and healthy spaces while continuing to allow homeless to place themselves and others in dangerous situations. I'm also hearing that it will make future actions against encampments slower, more expensive, and less effective. I can't believe the council member agreed to vote for this settlement. I hope all this is wrong.

I'll get back to you with some times when my schedule frees up, but I and my neighbors are very interested in hearing specifically why the city isn't enforcing the ability to immediately remove without notice bulky items over the 60 gal container limit. From what I know, there is no injunction limiting the city's ability to enforce LAMC Section 56.11 (3) (i) in part of LA (SR-2, Glendale Blvd merge).

Thanks,

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